

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for limiting roll-back of a motor vehicle, the method comprising:

 determining an intended drive direction of the vehicle corresponding to an engaged gear step;

 determining a direction of movement of the vehicle; and

 automatically performing a braking intervention at at least one wheel of at least one axle independently of the driver, if the direction of movement of the vehicle is opposite the intended drive direction of the vehicle.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the braking intervention is performed in such a way that the absolute value of the vehicle speed does not exceed a predetermined reference longitudinal vehicle speed in the direction of movement of the vehicle, wherein the predetermined reference longitudinal vehicle speed is different from zero.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the braking intervention is performed in such a way that the absolute value of the vehicle speed is regulated to the predetermined reference longitudinal vehicle speed.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 13, wherein the predetermined reference longitudinal vehicle speed is set as part of a hill-descent-control regulation.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein initiation of the method is dependent on the accelerator pedal position.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein the method is initiated when the accelerator pedal is actuated.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein initiation of the method is dependent on the position of the clutch pedal.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 17, wherein the method is initiated when the clutch pedal is at least partially actuated.

19. (Previously Presented) A device for limiting roll-back of a motor vehicle, comprising:

- a drive-direction-determination unit for determining an intended drive direction of the vehicle corresponding to an engaged gear step;
- a movement-direction-determination unit for determining a direction of movement of the vehicle; and
- a comparator for comparing the intended drive direction and the direction of movement; and
- a brake unit operatively coupled to the comparator, wherein a braking intervention is automatically performed at at least one wheel of at least one axle independently of the driver, if the direction of movement of the vehicle is opposite the intended drive direction of the vehicle.

20. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in Claim 19, wherein the movement-direction-determination unit is a wheel rpm sensor.